



We have an update on your Water Project Sponsorship

In the first half of 2024, you generously supported our work as a Water Project Sponsor. Your gift has since been put to work and is already making a difference.

We're excited to share the progress so far!



Implementation
cycle begins



6 MONTHS
Construction begins



12 MONTHS
Construction is complete



21+ MONTHS
Completion Report is sent



Ethiopia

Local Implementing Partner: Relief Society of Tigray
Estimated Completion Date: Spring 2026



Progress to Date

Our local partner Relief Society of Tigray is hard at work. So far, they have:

- ✓ Completed construction on 51 projects.
- ✓ Engaged 88 communities in hygiene and sanitation training.
- ✓ Created eight menstrual hygiene management clubs for girls in schools.
- ✓ Conducted a baseline water access survey among 400 households across 40 communities selected through random sampling.

Photos from Relief Society of Tigray



Photo of hydrogeologist Zemen Haftu, leading the Relief Society of Tigray drilling team.



Drilling taking place.



The REST drilling team in the Etan Zere community, rehabilitating a non-charity: water well that had been broken for six years.



Community Engagement in Ethiopia

Community Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Committees (WASHCOs) are established for all water points and are responsible for taking care of them after they are handed over to the community. This involves handling water point operations, including simple maintenance. The WASHCOs can contact the local government and the Relief Society of Tigray (REST) maintenance program if significant servicing or repair is needed.

REST has a Community Engagement in Hygiene and Sanitation (CEHS) approach that aims to improve hygiene and sanitation behavior. The methodology mobilizes communities to eliminate open defecation and scale up to improved sanitation facilities.

